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| In re application of: Tsukasa YAMAMOTO et al. Serial No.: 09/221,656 Filing Date: December 23, 1998 For: A PRODUCTION SYSTEM FOR RETAIL GOODS AND A RAW MATERIAL ORDERING SYSTEM | Art Unit: 2768 Examiner: F. Poinvil |
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated July 16, 2001, or until November 16, 2001.

Enclosed is a Credit Card Payment Form for \$110.00 to pay the one-month extension fee in accordance with Rule 1.17(a)(3).

The Commissioner of Patents is authorized to charge any amount due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. **50-1353**. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Dated: November 8, 2001

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